spent so far on river pollution abatement works in the town under the on-going Ganga Action Plan Phase-II. A Feasibility Study Report is also being prepared on additional pollution abatement works to be taken up in Kanpur (apart from the works taken up under Ganga Action Plan Phase I & II) under the Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA) assisted Development Study for "Water Quality Management Plan for Ganga river" for further improvement in the river water quality.

Tiger population in the National Tigers Reserves

524.SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tiger population in the National Tigers Reserve is fast dwindling and has become extinct in the Sariska National Park; and

(b) the identified causes responsible for the decline in tiger population and the estimated number of surviving tigers in the country according to the 2004 census?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) There is a decline in direct sighting of tigers in the Sariska Tiger Reserve, as reported by the State. However, no reports of tigers becoming extinct in Sariska or their numbers declining fast in other reserves has come to light.

(b) The Wildlife Institute of India has been mandated to undertake a detailed ecological study in the Sariska Tiger Reserve area for ascertaining the status of wild animals and other related factors to facilitate redressal. The all India tiger estimation is done once in four years, and the State-wise details of last such estimation done during 2001-02 are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Population of tigers in the country as reported by the States

S.No.	Name of the State	2001-02**
1	Andhra Pradesh	192
2	Arunachal Pradesh	61***

S.No.	Name of the State	2001-02**
3	Assam	354
4	Bihar	76
5	Chhattisgarh	227
6	Delhi	Nil
7	Goa	5
8	Gujarat	Nil
9	Haryana	Nil
10	Himachal Pradesh	Nil
11	Jammu & Kashmir	Nil
12	Jharkhand	34
13	Karnataka	401
14	Kerala	71
15	Madhya Pradesh	710
16	Maharashtra	238
17	Manipur	Nil
18	Meghalaya	47
19	Mizoram	28
20	Nagaland	23^
21	Orissa	173
22	Punjab	Nil
23	Rajasthan	58
24	Sikkim	NR
25	Tamil Nadu	60
26	Tripura	NR
27	Uttaranchal	251
28	Uttar Pradesh	284
29	West Bengal	349
	TOTAL:	3642

N.R. Not reported by state.
** Under compilation/vetting
*** Only for Namdapha Tiger Reserve
^ Entire State not covered.

Wildlife sanctuaries in J and K

525. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the climate of Jammu and Kashmir is suitable for rare species of wildlife;